

City of Boynton Beach

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the growth and prosperity of the City of Boynton Beach is due in part to an ethnic diversity that includes a substantial and rapidly increasing Haitian population; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the valuable contribution of the Haitian people in the fight for the independence of the United States of America, especially in the Battle of Savannah, and pay due tribute to their endowment; and

WHEREAS, the Haitian population in South Florida joins together during the Month of May to commemorate their “Flag Day” and celebrate their historical and cultural indemnity; and

WHEREAS, Haitian president Dumarsais Estime started the Flag Day celebration with parades, cultural and athletic events in many cities in Haiti in the 1930s, when he was minister of education under President Stenio Vincent. Estime wanted to commemorate annually the creation of the Haitian flag to encourage the development of patriotic sentiments among Haitian youth; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to promote awareness and understanding of cultural diversity in our society in order to strengthen the self-esteem of our multicultural community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven B. Grant, Mayor of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the 18th day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-One as:

HAITIAN FLAG DAY

And the month of May as

HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, to be affixed at Boynton Beach Florida, the 4th day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Steven B. Grant, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal Gibson, MMC
City Clerk